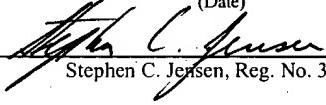
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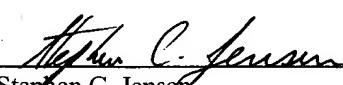
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1-20.

Please add the following new claims:

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01 FC:1202 41. A method for defining a system specification for a digital system, said method comprising the steps of:

partitioning said system into a plurality of processes, each of the processes having a defined behavior and each of the processes having at least one control thread;

defining separately from said processes a single data independent data communication protocol for communication within said digital system and between said processes;

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